

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8-10, 13-15, 22, 23, 30, 31 and 38 have been amended. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34 and 36-38 are pending in this application.

Claims 13-14, 31-34 and 36-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 ("Section 101") as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of the invention. Independent claims 13-14 and 31 have been amended to recite a "non-transitory" storage or recording medium, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, based on the amendment of claims 13-14 and 31, the rejections of claims 13-14, 31-34 and 36-38 under Section 101 have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-18, 20-26, 28-34 and 36-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Win (U.S. Patent No. 6,182,142) in view of Gorsuch et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0133611) and further in view of Shen et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0139170).

Amended independent claim 1 recites, in relevant part, recites the following

the authentication-information transmitting means [is] operable to transmit device-authentication information to an authentication server,

a network location of the authentication server being received by the display means as part of an EMBED tag which specifies a plug-in from among a plurality of plug-ins of the terminal device, each of the plug-ins of the terminal device being configured to start authentication by a same authentication function, to be started at the terminal device and which specifies the address of a site to be accessed by the terminal device when device authentication is successfully done and the address of a site to be accessed by the terminal device when authentication cannot be done

(Emphasis added; see specification, for example, at paragraphs [0073], [0111] and [0116] and FIGs. 3 and 6). Amended

independent claims 8-10, 13-15, 22, 23, 30, 31 and 38 include similar recitations. Accordingly, in the claimed invention, the EMBED tag received at the terminal device may specify a plug-in from among a plurality of plug-ins of the terminal device to be started at the terminal device, where each of the plug-ins of the terminal device is configured to start authentication by a same authentication function, such that "an authentication function needed not be provided for each" of the plug-ins of the terminal device which are configured to start authentication. See specification, for example, at paragraph [0162]).

The applied portions of Win, Gorsuch and Shen do not appear to disclose an EMBED tag being received by display means of a terminal device and specifying a plug-in from among plug-ins the terminal device configured to start authentication to be started at the terminal device, where each of the plug-ins of the terminal device is configured to start authentication by a same authentication function, as required by the claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the independent claims are patentable over the combination of Win, Gorsuch and Shen as applied by the Examiner, for at least the above reason.

In addition, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, dependent claims 2-4, 6, 7, 16-18, 20, 21, 24-26, 28, 29, 32-34, 36 and 37 are patentable over the applied combination of Win, Gorsuch and Shen for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with the independent claims.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is

respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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